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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/576,955	Applicant(s) KROEPEK ET AL.
	Examiner Lynda M. Salvatore	Art Unit 1794

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2008.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 31-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 39-50 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 31-34, 36 and 37 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 35 and 38 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/1449B)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/13/08.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed 4/8/08 have been fully considered and entered. Claims 1-30 are canceled and new claims 31-50 are added. The Examiner regrets not providing a complete translation of cited WO document. As such, the following non-final rejection is set forth herein below.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/13/06 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 31-34, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 03/039492 Goppel et al., (note: US 2005/0002994 is relied upon as a translation for the WO document).

Goppel et al., teaches a non-woven comprising cotton fibers are treated with the claimed ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino)propionate (abstract and section 0267). Goppel et al., teach a thickness of .4mm to 1.5 mm (section 0021). Goppel et al., teach an oil-in-water emulsion (sections 0041-0043).

With regard to the claimed amount of cotton fibers and ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino), Goppel et al., teach employing various fibers, but only exemplifies a ratio of 70 wt. % viscose and 30 wt.%PET (sections 0282-0283). However, it is the position of the Examiner that it would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to optimize the amount of cotton fibers and ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino) in the non-woven as a function of softness and/or absorbency and insect repellency. It has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Boesch*, 617 F. 2d 272, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 35 and 38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Presently, the prior art available does not teach or fairly suggest the limitations set forth in the above claims.

Claims 39-50 allowed. Presently, the prior art available does not teach or fairly suggest the limitations set forth in the above claims.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynda M. Salvatore whose telephone number is 571-272-1482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Lynda Salvatore/
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 1794
7/10/08